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Application No.: Unassigned	)	Examiner: Unassigned
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For: NOVEL COMBINATION OF	)	
LOTEPREDNOL AND $\beta_2$ -	)	
ADRENOCEPTOR AGONISTS	)	

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claim 9 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Kindly amend claims 1-8 as follows:

1. (Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising, separately or together, an efficacious amount of (i) loteprednol or a pharmaceutically tolerable ester thereof and (ii) at least one  $\beta_2$  adrenoceptor agonist for simultaneous, sequential or separate administration by inhalation in the treatment of airway disorders in mammals.